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1. PROPOSED UMBRELLA AGREEMENT WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH DURING MEETING OF BOTH INDUSTRIAL AND MANPOWER WORKING GROUPS WITH AID REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT. BECAUSE OF THE COMPREHENSIVENESS OF THE NEW U.S./SAUDI ECONOMIC COMMISSION WORK, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE REVISED AND PROBABLY PLACED UNDER ANOTHER DEPARTMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT. A DRAFT REVISION WAS DISCUSSED BY THE U.S. TEAM IN CONSULTATION WITH THE EMBASSY. IT WAS AGREED THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY WOULD INITIATE DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON UPON HIS RETURN.

2. NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE ENCLOSING ORIGINAL UMBRELLA AGREEMENT. HIGH LEVEL SAUDIS, INCLUDING MINSTATEFINANCE ABA AL-KHAYL, ARE AWAITING A NEW DRAFT WHICH HAS BEEN PROMISED WITHIN A FORTHNIGHT BY ASSIST SEC'Y PARSKY.

3. AIRGRAM DEALING WITH THIS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE MEETING IN RIYADH IS UNDER PREPARATION AND WILL BE
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